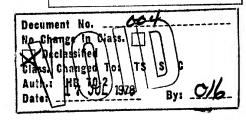


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1. It was reported on 25 November 1950 that negotiations were in progress between Merx Import-und Export GmbH of Vienna and the East German DAHA organization of Berlin for a barter transaction involving the trading of 4,400 metric tons of Austrian steel (valued at 31,305,000) for 60,000 metric tons of lightle briquettes (valued at \$432,000) and an undisclosed amount of ferrochrome (valued at \$210,000) from Eastern Germany. No further details are available on the transaction.

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